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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1957

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957.

The Report is prepared as indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/58 dated 13th January, 1958.

The Crude Death Rate is 14.92 as compared with 14.91 for 1956.

The Standardised Death Rate is 10.44 as compared with 11.5 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a "comparability factor" making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 9.39 which compared with 22.6 for the previous year (there were four deaths in 1956 and two in 1957).

The Birth Rate is 16.72 compared with 13.87 in 1956.

The Standardised Birth Rate is also 16.72 compared with 16.1 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from enteritis or from maternal causes.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

For the twelfth year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The immunisation rate of all children in the district up to fifteen years of age is 87.25%; of the children attending school it is 98.38%.

Smallpox Vaccination.

The numbers of vaccinations carried out at Clinics or reported by General Practitioners during the year were: under 1 year 180; 1 to 4 years 3; 5 to 14 years 3; 15 years and over 7; making a total of 193.

The numbers of re-vaccinations were: under 1 year nil; 1 to 4 years 7; 5 to 14 years 15; 15 years and over 66; making a total of 88.

JOHN PETRIE,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1956 are shown in brackets)

Area	6,587 acres
Registrar General's Estimated Population ...	13,340 (12,760)
Density of Population per acre	2.03 (1.93)
Rateable Value	£239,176 (£245,545)
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	£969 (£987)
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	16.72 (13.87)
Standardised Birth Rate	16.72 (13.87)
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population ...	14.92 (14.91)
Standardised Death Rate	10.44 (8.95)
Infantile Mortality Rate	9.39 (22.6)
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	4,335 (4,123)

Births

LIVE BIRTHS		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate		108	100	208
Illegitimate		3	2	5
Total Live Births		<u>111</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>213</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.72			
Comparability Factor	1.00			
Standardised Birth Rate	16.72			
STILL BIRTHS		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate		3	—	3
Illegitimate		1	—	1
Total Still Births		<u>4</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4</u>
Rate per 1,000 of the total births ...	18.32			

Deaths

		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
		93	106	199
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	14.92			
Comparability Factor	0.7			
Standardised Death Rate	10.44			

Infantile Mortality

		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age ...		—	1	1
Deaths of Infants under one year of age ...		1	—	1
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS ...	9.39			

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1942-1957

YEAR	Estim- ated Popu- lation	Number of Births							Birth Rate	Number of Deaths				Death Rate	Infant's Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M	F	Total	M		F	Total			
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total												
1942	10,720	74	81	155	5	7	12	15.58	54	73	127	11.8	2	3	5	29.94	40		
1943	10,280	87	79	166	7	13	20	18.09	62	108	170	16.5	2	2	4	21.5	16		
1944	9,648	68	81	149	15	14	29	18.44	73	74	147	15.23	2	3	5	28.09	31		
1945	9,910	57	65	122	11	4	15	13.82	68	78	146	14.73	4	3	7	51.09	— 9		
1946	10,580	88	94	182	7	5	12	18.34	59	56	115	10.87	6	2	8	41.24	79		
1947	10,740	106	103	209	4	7	11	20.48	50	63	113	10.52	1	1	2	9.09	107		
1948	10,840	69	84	153	7	4	11	15.13	53	62	115	10.61	—	3	3	18.29	49		
1949	11,000	74	83	157	3	3	6	14.82	78	92	170	15.45	1	2	3	18.41	— 7		
1950	11,060	78	81	159	6	5	11	15.37	68	59	127	11.84	2	1	3	17.65	43		
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	— 5		
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	—	3	23.62	— 5		
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	—43		
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	—	4	25.81	—		
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	—	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	—	3	20.98	—20		
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	—14		
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14		

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

							<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	21
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	16
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	106

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1 year	1	1	2
1—4	—	—	—
5—14	—	2	2
15—24	—	2	2
25—34	1	2	3
35—44	2	2	4
45—54	4	5	9
55—64	11	13	24
65—74	26	20	46
75 and over	48	59	107
TOTAL	93	106	199

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1957

DISEASE	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	2	—
Whooping Cough	159	1	—
Measles	57	2	—
Tuberculosis	13	10	5
Pneumonia	2	—	7
Poliomyelitis	1	1	—
Dysentery	9	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	—
Erysipelas	1	1	—

CASES OF INFECTIONOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Age Groups										
	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	Total	
Scarlet Fever	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	
Whooping Cough	12	24	42	73	4	—	4	—	—	159	
Measles	—	5	10	22	18	1	1	—	—	57	
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	1	1	2	4	1	4	13	
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	
Poliomyelitis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Dysentery	—	1	1	4	—	—	3	—	—	9	
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1957

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6—15... ..	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
16—25	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
26—35	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
36—45	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
46—55	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
56—65	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
65 and over	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the Years 1942—1957

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1942	3	3	—	2	8	2	1	—	—	3
1943	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
1944	5	3	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—
1945	3	3	2	1	9	1	1	1	—	3
1946	3	2	3	1	9	—	—	—	1	1
1947	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1948	3	2	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	3
1949	4	2	—	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1950	6	5	—	—	11	5	—	1	—	6
1951	12	5	—	—	17	—	—	1	—	1
1952	6	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	2
1953	3	4	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	1
1954	3	3	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	—	—	—	1
1956	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1957	6	5	—	2	13	3	—	1	1	5

IMMUNISATION

Summary of Immunisation in East Grinstead Urban District at 31st December, 1957

ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

On Register No. Immunised

Under 1 Year ...	214	85	39.72%
1—4 Years ...	1015	747	73.6%
5—15 Years ...	2342	2307	98.51%
0—15 Years ...	<u>3571</u>	<u>3139</u>	87.9%

EAST GRINSTEAD CHILDREN ONLY

Under 1 Year	214	85	39.72%
1—4 Years ...	1015	747	73.6%
5—15 Years ...	2159	2124	98.38%
0—15 Years ...	<u>3388</u>	<u>2956</u>	87.25%

The following number of children were immunised during the year :

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough (Combined)	22
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Triple)	182
Boosting Doses	302

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

The following particulars have been received from Dr. Rigden, Medical Director, East Sussex Radiography Unit, of the survey carried out in East Grinstead in July, 1957.

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of Persons X-Rayed	776	922	1698
Number recalled for Large Films	29	32	61
Number found to have Abnormal Large Films ...	18	10	28

Analysis of Abnormal Large Films :

(a) Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	1	1
(b) Inactive Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6	3	9
(c) Malignant Disease	2	—	2
(d) Other Diseases of Lung or Pleura	3	3	6
(e) Cardio-Vascular Diseases	1	2	3

Number (per 1,000 persons X-Rayed) with Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1.7%
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CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of food premises in the area, by type of business : 146.

Cafes	13	General Stores	20
Bakehouses	6	Public Houses	8
Hotels	4	Confectioners	20
Grocers	17	Greengrocers	14
Wine Merchants	5	Butchers	11
Corn Merchants	2	Chemists	6
Wayside Grocery Stores	2	Fishshops	6
Clubs	5	Dairies (Milk Depots)	3
Milk Shops	4		

(2) Number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 :

Sale of Ice Cream	50
Preparation of Sausages	9
Preparation of Potted Food	Nil
Preparation of Pressed Food	Nil
Preparation of Pickled Food	11
Preparation of Preserved Food, including Fried Fish	4
Dairies	7

(3) Number of inspections of registered food premises ... 251

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone: Brighton 23506) are available to this Department, and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept work such as the bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water, ice-cream foods and pathological specimens. Laboratory investigations of outbreaks of communicable disease, including the detection and elimination of carriers and other reservoirs of infection, are also carried out.

Containers may be obtained from the Laboratory or from this Department and specimens may be sent to the Laboratory *via* the Southdown Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. (except on Sundays; on Saturdays only one collection is made at 12.30 p.m.).

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, before 1 p.m., and will be placed on a bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4.30 p.m. collection.

The Laboratory is open to receive urgent specimens between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays, and in cases of extreme urgency during non-working hours, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. J. E. Jameson, may be telephoned at Brighton 56960.

The following prophylactics are held at the Laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:

Vaccine Lymph.

Adult serum for measles prophylaxis.

Other types of vaccines, anti-toxins, and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the South Eastern Gas Board. A few houses on the northern boundary at Feltridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The South Eastern Gas Board have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to de-chlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m., of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene by the South Eastern Gas Board for chemical and bacteriological examination.

The reports on all samples submitted during the year have indicated that the quality of the water supply to the area has been of a high standard both chemically and bacteriologically.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 4,276 dwelling houses have a piped water supply.

It is estimated that 12 premises are supplied by piped estate supplies and private wells.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :			
(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	152
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	336
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ...	23
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	23
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	116
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices :			
		Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	76
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :			
(a)		Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1)		Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	Nil
(2)		Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :	
	(a)	By owners ...	Nil
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(b)		Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1)		Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	1
(2)		Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
	(a)	By owners ...	1
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c)		Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1)		Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation ...	1
(2)		Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made...	Nil
(3)		Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	Nil
(4)		Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from owners, Section 11 (3) :	
	(a)	To render the house fit for human habitation ...	1
	(b)	As to usage other than for human habitation	Nil
(d)		Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1)		Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2)		Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ...	Nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1935—Overcrowding.

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	6
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement for overcrowding	Nil

5. Number of New Houses erected during the year 1957 :

(a)	State aided :		
	(i)	By Local Authority	4
	(ii)	By Private Enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.)	Nil
(b)	Without State Aid		233

HOUSING

The number of new dwellings completed by the Council during the year was 4—1 bedroom flats, erected at Buckhurst Way.

The number of families housed by the Council during the year was 38, and at 31st December, 1957, the number of applicants on the Council's waiting list was 245, an increase of 9 on the previous year's total.

Two hundred and thirty-three houses were built by private builders.

THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1949

The technical operation of the Improvements Grants scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department.

The following table summarises the work during the year.

	<i>Improvements</i>		<i>Conversions</i>	
	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
Enquiries made	16	4	1	3
Approval refused by Tenant	—	nil	—	nil
Applications not Approved by Council...	2	—	—	—
Applications Approved but not proceeded with	1	—	1	1
Applications Approved and proceeded with	12	3	—	2
Completed by 31/12/57	4	—	—	2
Total of Grants Approved and proceeded with	£2522	£913	—	£226
Approved 1956 and Completed 1957...	3	—	—	1

The works carried out include :

Provision of damp-proof courses	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " electric light	...	...	...	...	...	8
" " hot water for domestic purposes	...	...	...	...	...	10
" " internal water closet	...	...	...	...	...	8
" " bath in separate room	...	...	...	...	...	9
" " sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " proper drainage system	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	...	...	...	...	...	8
" " proper storage of fuel	...	...	...	...	...	8
" " additional natural lighting	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " approved grates	...	...	...	...	...	5

THE RENT ACT, 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1957	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number of applications granted (5 some defects; 5 all defects)	...	...	...	...	...	10
Number of applications refused	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Undertakings given by landlords under para. 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	...	2
Undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso 5 of the First Schedule	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows :

Number of Ambulances	...	Two.
Ambulance Station	...	Phillips Garage, 219b London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 488.
Area served	...	East Grinstead. Forest Row Hartfield. West Hoathly. Turners Hill. Crawley Down.

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or by car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives, and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulance are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the above ambulances. After conveyance of infectious patients, the ambulances are disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed, on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Miss K. V. Byrne, 11a High Street, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 1318.
Area served	...	East Grinstead Urban District, Uckfield Rural District, Cuckfield Rural District (Northern Half).
Office Hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive : 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Housing Inspections

Inspections made under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	170
Inspections made under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	166
Housing Act : Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	167
Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	8

Other Inspections

Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	—
Meatshops and Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	193
Fishshops	...	...	...	...	...	69
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	138
Ice-cream Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	—
Public Houses and Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	23
Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	230
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	60
Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	...	...	...	...	...	37
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	136
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	5
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	44
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inspections under Pest Destruction Acts	...	...	...	...	...	2372
Other Miscellaneous Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	65
Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	51

SUMMARY OF MAIN DEFECTS ABATED IN TERMS OF PREMISES

Drains amended and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	29
Water-closets repaired, lighted and ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water-closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	1

Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Eaves, gutters and downspouts renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dampness <i>via</i> walls abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
House floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired, or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water supplies amended and provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sewage disposal plants provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ditches cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks or wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 423 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption :

TINNED FOODSTUFFS—

Meat	...	...	12 tins	Milk	...	...	6 tins
Fruit	...	...	37 tins	Jam	...	...	2 tins
Vegetables	...	...	71 tins	Soup	...	...	4 tins
Fish	...	...	1 tin				

OTHER :

Sausages	...	...	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	Puff Pastries	...	...	18 lbs.
Sausage Rolls	...	...	6	Bread	...	...	5 loaves
Chips	...	...	3 lbs.	Chicken	...	...	6
Pasties	...	...	6	Pies	...	...	6

FISH :

Cod Fillet	...	...	16 stones	Smoked Salmon	...	...	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Buckling	...	...	1 box				

MEAT :

Beef	...	...	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Lipamotosis.			
Beef Liver	...	...	1	Multiple abscesses.			
Beef, Veal	...	...	38 lbs.	Bruised.			
Mutton :							
Lamb	...	...	46 lbs.	Heated and sour.			
Livers	...	...	63	Distomatosis and fluke.			
Pork	...	...	649 lbs.	Tuberculosis and pneumonia.			
Pork Livers	...	...	4	Milkspot and cirrhosis.			

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designations were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

<i>Special Designation</i>	<i>No. of Licences</i>
Pasteurised	4
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	8
Pasteurised and Sterilised	1

CARCASSES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<i>Cattle ex Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed... ..	nil	nil	77	438	562
Number inspected	nil	nil	77	438	562
All Diseases except Tuberculosis : Whole Carcase condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	nil	nil	2	62	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	nil	nil	2.6	14.1	0.89
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcasses condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	1.71

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 68 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1937

1. **INSPECTIONS** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ...	32	11	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	48	57	2	1
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTALS	80	68	2	1

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS	<i>No. of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>No. of cases where prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred to H.M. Inspector</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Inspector</i>	
Want of Cleanliness... ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of Floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :—					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	2	1
(b) Unsuitable or Defective ...	1	1	—	1	—
(c) Not Separate for Sexes ...	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	5	—	3	1

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year 48 complaints were received. 2,372 visits under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, were made and 80 infestations treated.

Regular inspections have been made at the Eden Vale, Shovelstrode Lane and Imberhorne Lane refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties.

Infestation of 32 premises was found as a result of systematic surveys which are made throughout the district.

A 10% test of sewers was completed in March 1957 to the satisfaction of the Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A nominal charge for rodent destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of treatment in accordance with the agreement between the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Trade refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned and charges at cost plus 15% are made.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Imberhorne Lane. Before being covered newly-tipped refuse is treated with gammexane insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tips have been made to ascertain possible nuisance caused by rodents and flies.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead :

CLINICS

DAYS AND TIMES

Dental

MOTHERS, AND CHILDREN

UNDER 5 YEARS ... By appointment.

Child Guidance ... By appointment.

Orthopaedic ... Monday and Thursday mornings by appointment.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination ... 2nd Thursday each month—2.15 p.m.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination... Sessions by appointment.

Ante Natal

RELAXATION AND

MOTHCRAFT CLASSES 1st and 3rd Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.

DISTRICT NURSES ... 4th Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.

CUCKFIELD HOSPITAL

PATIENTS ... 3rd Wednesday each month—2.15 p.m.

Infant Welfare ... Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)—2 to 4 p.m.

Speech Therapy ... Every Tuesday—By appointment.

The following Clinic is held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood :

Infant Welfare

WEIGHING SESSION ONLY ... 4th Tuesday every month—afternoons.

Chest Clinic ... At **Queen Victoria Hospital**
Every Thursday—2 p.m.

